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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph. In response, claims 23 and 24 have been amended. In amended claim 23, the "disc-like medium" corresponds to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention which includes dummy disc 1. Furthermore, in claim 23, "a magnetic recording medium" corresponds to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention which includes magnetic disc 100. These features are supported by the originally filed application at page 11, line 26, and page 15, lines 26 and 27. No new matter has been added.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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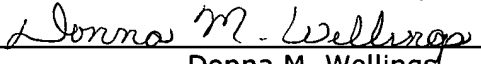
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